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Stiglet benefit set for Saturday

A benefit to help with the medical expenses of accident victim Eric Stiglet will be held at the VFW Hall Post 4808 on Lower Bay Rd. on Saturday, May 19th from 10:30 till, and will include a yard sale, lunches and more. For information call 463-1847 or 467-7474.

Chamber After Hours is tonight

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce After Hours will be today from 5-7 p.m. at Loiacano's Health Club on Main St. in Bay St. Louis, out by the swimming pool. The event is sponsored by Loiacano's Health Club, Coastal Rehabilitation and Neil Favre's Southern Delights. Admission is two business cards.

Retirement for Father Theriault

There will be a retirement celebration for Rev. A. Francis Theriault, SVD, this Sunday at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Dr. from 3 to 5 p.m.

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Ora Cuevas and Frank M. DeLisle of the Mississippi Forestry Commission converse under a live oak tree infected with Chestnut blight fungus by the forestry barn on Fire tower Rd. near Klin.

Chestnut blight fungus destroying local live oaks

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER

Staff Writer

Majestic live oak trees are some of the Coast's most prized natural assets. They are also some of the oldest living things in the South, according to experts. One tree in DeLisle is believed to be more than 1,000 years old. But because of a recent outbreak of Endothia parasitica - better known as chestnut blight fungus - in Coast live oaks, County Agent Stan Pace is recommending that preventative

measures be taken to ensure that more trees do not become infected.

The chestnut blight fungus is the same parasite that virtually wiped out every American chestnut in its native range, from Maine to Mississippi, in a period of 50 years from 1904 to 1954.

This is the first threat to the seemingly impervious live oak trees, said Darlene Slater of the Mississippi Commission.

The disease was discovered in Coast live oaks on a routine forestry visit last fall.

"As far as we know there is no known cure for the disease," said Mark Jamison of the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

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The chestnut blight fungus is typified by a distinctive orange color.

Edmond Fahey FUNERAL HOME

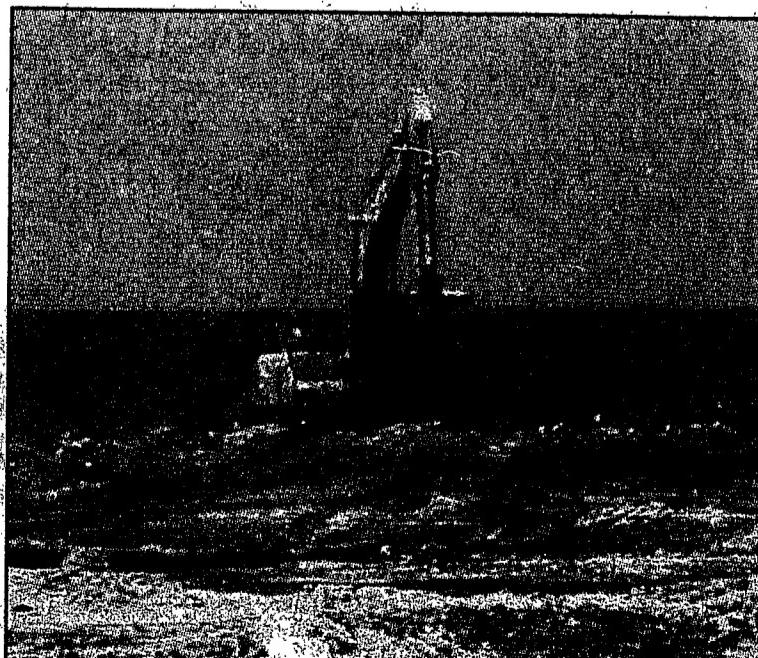
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Work continues Wednesday on the beach replenishment project at Pass Christian.

Portion of beach closed to swimmers

BY ED LEPOMA

Staff Writer

"No Swimming" signs remain posted along a portion of the beach in east Pass Christian.

Barry Royals, chief of surface water for the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, in Jackson, said high fecal coliform levels were noticed at a monitoring station stretching from Mengo Avenue east

to Emerald Street.

Last Friday, monitoring station Number Six also noted high fecal coliform on a portion of the beach stretching from the Municipal Harbor west to Pine Street, Royals said.

He said additional tests showed the bacteria count had been lowered, and that a portion of the beach was

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Farve wins!

Former councilman defeats Lampley in photo-finish to take back old job

BY GEOFF BELCHER

News Editor

Once and future Councilman Thomas "Tom" Farve must have breathed a welcome sigh of relief last night after the final totals from his runoff election against incumbent Ward 3 Councilwoman Connie Payne Lampley were read at Bay St. Louis City Hall, declaring him the winner by a total of 12 votes.

Farve earned 233 votes to Lampley's 221.

Farve had led the race by 14 votes after Tuesday's runoff, but there were 17 affidavit ballots left for the Democratic Executive Committee to count yesterday.

"We counted 15 (of the affidavits)," committee Chairman Mike Benvenutti said. "Two of them were not valid ballots - they lived out of the ward."

"It was a very close race," committee member Mike Haas said yesterday after the



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Burn ban issued for rural areas after wildfires

BY ED LEPOMA

Staff Writer

A burn ban has been issued for the unincorporated portions of Hancock Counties and fire officials in the two cities are watching the drought situation closely.

On advice of the Mississippi Forestry Commission, county Fire Marshal Richard Pate posted a burn ban effective at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

"This ban will be in effect until further notice," said Pate. "We are in a very dry and dangerous situation."

Pate asked residents in the wooded, rural areas to cooperate during the emergency.

He said the burn ban "means no outside burning of any kind of material, including burning anything in an outside barrel."

Under a new law passed in the recent session of the state legislature, fines ranging from \$100 to \$500 can be levied against anybody ignoring the burn ban.

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DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR KIDS ARE?



A team of police officers will tour area schools over the next two weeks to educate children on the very real dangers of talking to strangers. The team includes Waveland Officers Mike Prendergast, John Bourgeois, Michael Pendegast, and Bay St. Louis Sergeant Jim Martin pictured with Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell and Mayor Tommy Longo.

Police teaching kids to stay safe

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The recent abduction of a Sidell girl, though the story had a happy ending, brought home to our community the very real dangers that may be lurking just around the corner for our children – unless steps are taken to educate them.

A team of officers, three from Waveland and one from Bay St. Louis, has appointed itself to help with the job of doing just that. Over the next two weeks, the officers will visit all our area schools, and not only educate children on keeping themselves safe from abduction, but also on the dangers of smoking with a little help from Pat Gorell, project director for Partners Against Tobacco In Hancock County.

The team was at St. Clare School on Wednesday to present what they call "Be a Hero - Don't Talk To Strangers." The statistics they presented were staggering.

Every hour in the United States, 78 children are reported missing, totaling 685,617 in a year. Most are abducted in the hours between 12 noon and 6 p.m., and they may be taken by a family member, friend, or a stranger. Children who are more likely to be taken when they are outside, such as walking somewhere or in a playground. Seventy-four percent of abducted children are girls. Half of abducted children are taken by someone in a vehicle.

Suggestions made for safety were: Walk away if someone you don't know tries to talk to you, or if you do not feel comfortable; tell someone – a parent, a teacher, a friend, or a policeman; don't go into an empty building to explore; don't walk on the train tracks;

do stay with a parent or friend, alert; and most importantly, don't wander off alone; stay don't talk to strangers.

Fishing won't be restored on Bay St. Louis bridge

MDOT fears 'high-speed' highway 'unsafe' for anglers

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Fishing will still be prohibited from the Bay St. Louis bridge after a barricade construction program is completed.

That was the word from the Mississippi Department of Transportation this week after several inquiries from fishermen who wanted to know if they would ever be allowed to fish again from either side of the Hwy. 90 span once construction is finished.

"No fishing" signs have been posted on both sides of the four-lane span since construction began last July. Wide-load trucks are also not permitted to use the bridge during construction.

Rich Lee, MDOT's district engineer in Hattiesburg, responded, "No way."

Lee said, "I can't see how it would be restored. That's a high-speed highway. It just would not be safe for fishermen or drivers," said Lee.

Melinda McGrath, the engineer who is overseeing the \$2.2 million construction project for MDOT, said she expects workers to be off the project by the end of June.

work on the barricade last July.

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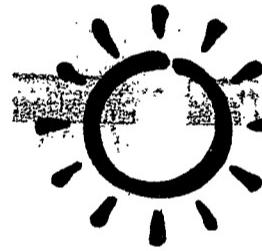
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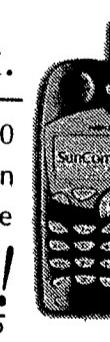
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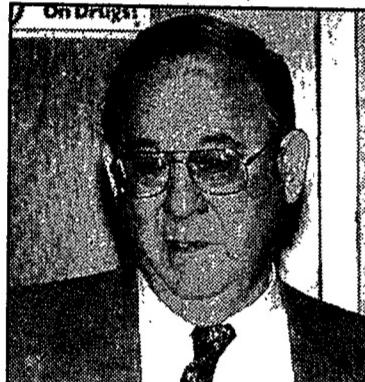
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A Good Judge of Everything



The Hancock County Bar Association on Monday honored former longtime Youth Court Judge Michael D. Haas in a ceremony at the Youth Court building in Bay St. Louis. Speakers included Hon. William L. Stewart, retired Eighth District chancellor, who said Haas is "one of the greatest people to ever walk the face of the Earth," as well as one of the driving forces of Hancock County; and state Rep. J.P. Comprett, who credited Haas not only with helping to make Comprett the man he is today, but also with making Hancock County what it has become. Also pictured: Current Youth Court Judge Robin Gibson; and bailiff Buddy Gunlag.



William L. Stewart



Judge Haas' brother Nicholas M. "Mack" Haas, along with his wife Wanda Haas, unveil a new portrait of the Judge during the ceremony Monday.



State Rep. J.P. Comprett

Get ready for fourth Blast in the Bay

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Most citizens think that firemen only put out fires. Many don't have a clue about all the work the firefighters do, especially the work they do for children at Christmas.

Assistant Fire Chief Gary Maurice has been involved with the firemen's Doll and Toy Fund since it was started 25 years ago.

He first began as a volunteer working with local firemen and later, when he became a firefighter, he was more involved until now, 23 years later, Maurice is the fund coordinator.

The Doll and Toy Fund has grown tremendously over the last quarter century reaching out to more than 20,000 children and families in need.

Primarily the fund provides assistance at Christmas, but also helps children re-assimilate following a catastrophic fire or other similar event by providing clothes, school supplies and other needs.

If annual contributions allow, the fund will also support senior citizens by supplying personal items they need throughout the year.

The Doll and Toy Fund is a member agency of the United

Way of South Mississippi and is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Business and industry throughout the county support the fund through their United Way donations and by individual assistance.

The fund hosts the annual Blast in the Bay car show to raise the additional funds to support community needs.

Sponsorships are available to local businesses and individuals.

Gold, chrome, brass and friend sponsorships are available. Different sponsorships have a variety of benefits for the sponsors and participating car owners. Interested sponsors may call Maurice at 467-4736 for more information.

The Blast in the Bay has grown considerably since its 1998 debut with 75 cars. Last year's numbers exceeded 200 cars and organizers expect 250 cars at the 2001 Blast.

The Southern Who Street Rod Association has been working with the fund since Blast in the Bay began. The club donates its time to register and organize cars on show date, provides entertainment and gives money to help with door prizes and

other awards.

"We could not produce this event without Southern Who's help," said Maurice.

Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie, a classic car buff, worked with Mike Cuevas, the city's director of cultural affairs, to plan the initial event with the car club. Blast in the Bay has now taken on a life of its own.

Friends of the Depot operate the Hot Dog Heaven concession for the event where car owners and show visitors can buy a gourmet hot dog and top it with all the toppings they can expect.

The hot dogs and toppings are donated every year by Total Security, and the proceeds are placed directly with the fund. A Slice of Heaven, a new dessert bar, will be introduced this year.

"We need all of our volunteers to have a successful event that grows each year. Blast in the Bay is now in a permanent place on the community calendar of events - the second Saturday of every July," said Maurice.

"We appreciate all the support we are given from the car owners, local business and supporters who visit the show. We know that the 4th annual Blast in the Bay will be great."

Stennis Space Center Old Timers' Day planned for this Friday at Cypress House

Retired Stennis Space Center employees are invited to the Old Timers' Day picnic May 18 at the Cypress House pavilion beginning at 4 p.m.

The annual event offers a time for former employees to gather and reminisce about their experiences beginning with the early days of the space center.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be served. There is no charge for retirees and their spouse or guest. Current employees at Stennis may also attend Old Timers' Day for a charge of \$2 to cover food and

beverages.

This year's event is sponsored by NASA, Mississippi Space Services and the Stennis Space Center Recreation Association.

For more information, contact Jeanne Kellar at (228) 688-3043.

St. Paul's schedules Seafood Festival

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Good food, lively music and arts and crafts will be on display June 1-3 when the St. Paul's Catholic School hosts its 25 annual Seafood Festival.

Chairman Leo "Chipper" McDermott said the event is scheduled on church grounds fronting Highway 90 across from the church, with activities scheduled 11 a.m. until midnight each day.

This year's activities include a 5K run, scheduled Saturday morning. Those interested in participating should call Dave Taylor at 452-2156, McDermott said.

Music will be provided by Dr. Rock and Keith Hoda.

There is no entry charge, and food and drink is available at varying prices. There will also be kids games and amusement rides, a white elephant sale and a silent auction and an antique car show.

McDermott said this year St. Paul's is also celebrating 125 years of providing Catholic education to the children of the area.

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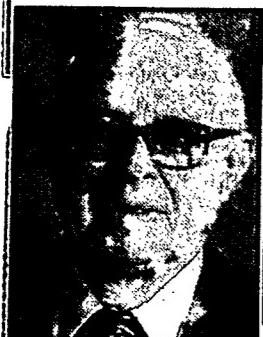
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OPINION



Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

This is a reminder about the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours set for 5 to 7 this evening at Loiacano's Health Club's pool.

Sponsors are Loiacano's Health Club, Coastal Rehabilitation and Mel Favre's Southern Delights.

The After Hours is open to chamber members and guests. I hope to see you this evening at the After Hours.

It was a great time Saturday at Hancock Medical Center's annual Community Health Fair and Blood Drive.

The real good news was the number of families attending the event and taking advantage of the many screenings and health information give-aways. I have been attending the HMC Community Health Fairs for many years, and never have I seen so many community booths in addition to the large number of people in attendance.

The entertainment by several groups was very good, too.

An expression of thanks goes out to everyone who participated in the health fair in addition to those of the community who attended.

P.S. I have been hearing 'rumors' there may be another HMC Health Fair later in the year at Diamondhead. We will keep you up to date as information becomes available.

It is not too late to get tickets to the Hancock Medical Center Foundation's benefit Fashion Show/Luncheon for Friday (tomorrow) at noon at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Tickets are \$20 each payable to the Hancock Medical Center Foundation, and for information or tickets, call 255-3451 or 467-8790. Tickets should also be available at the door. A ticket entitles one to a salad, entree, dessert and coffee or tea.

Local clothing stores participating in the fashion show are L.L. Ltd. of Diamondhead, The Image Company of Bay St. Louis, Just Judy's of Diamondhead and Bridalaire of Bay St. Louis.

Sounds like it is going to be an interesting style show, and I hope I will see you at the fashion show tomorrow.

We have just passed the middle of the month of May and are already in a severe dry spell along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

This has caused a 'burn ban' in the coastal counties of Hancock and Jackson to be issued this week.

On Wednesday morning Hancock County Fire Marshal Richard Pate issued the order placing the unincorporated areas of the county under a ban until further notice.

The ban means no outside burning of any kind, including burning of materials in barrels.

The burn ban was recommended by State Forester James L. Sledge Jr. of the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

We are in a very serious situation, and if we do not receive rain soon it can become more serious.

Lawns are already taking a hit, as many are already turning brown at a time of year when they should be a lush green.

I know many of us lost trees and shrubs last year because of dry conditions, and I hope that does not repeat this year.

Everyone needs to be extremely careful not to start a fire. Hopefully all cigarette smokers will extinguish their smokes before they are discarded. It is so dry, a lit cigarette could ignite grass, leaves, etc., and start a wildfire.

Hopefully we will receive some rain soon.

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Some chancery clerks have become highest-paid local officials in the country

At the moment, state Auditor Phil Bryant, the only Republican state office-holder, is toying with serious ideas: How to reform Mississippi's outlandish century-old system of fee-paid county clerks under which some chancery clerks have become the highest-paid local officials in the country.

But in the not-too-distant future, he will have to face up to another serious idea: Whether to try to carry the Mississippi Republican Party's banner in the next gubernatorial election.

Gubernatorial talk is something Bryant is reluctant to get into. But the plain political fact is there: He's the best hope the GOP now has to regain the governor's office in 2003.

A rather soft-spoken, mild-mannered 47-year-old former Rankin County legislator, Bryant is not your idea of a charismatic political figure who could stir the public's imagination.

However, the slender, bushy-haired Bryant could very well propel himself to the governor's office if he aggressively moves to reform the fee-paid county clerk system and catches the

wave of rising public resentment over many clerks pocketing incomes running into six figures.

For many years this writer had pointed out that it was unconscionable for Mississippi not to put county clerks on a straight salary rather than allow them to pocket virtually unlimited incomes from fees they collect for the county.

As a consequence, in a state with nation's lowest per capita income many clerks for years have made more money than the state's top officials are paid, and many times more than salaries of ordinary public employees.

The Legislature has from time to time picked around the edges of reforming the fee-paid system. In 1992, lawmakers (Bryant was one of the backers) put what they thought was a "cap" of \$83,160 on what the clerks could retain from fees in one year, effective in 2000.

What lawmakers didn't count

on was the resourcefulness of clerks, especially chancery clerks. They figured out that the "cap" only covered the basic hat they wore as chancery clerk but didn't stop them from also drawing pay as county administrator or "record restorer."

That meant chancery clerks could wear as many as three hats if they got the county board of supervisors to go along with it.

The three hat trick was so lucrative for Madison County Chancery Clerk Steve Duncan last year that his office grossed \$305,319. Of that he was able to pocket \$215,105, after paying all administrative expenses of running the three jobs.

Of course, \$215,000 is double the governor's \$101,800 salary and triple what most other top state officials make.

Duncan, a former investigative auditor for the state Auditor's Office (not under Bryant) obviously knows the

loopholes in the law better than any of his contemporaries.

However, this doesn't mean Duncan didn't have a lot company in the six-digit league. In fact, 26 other chancery clerks pocketed in excess of \$100,000 last year from their multiple roles and at least 21 others cleared more than the alleged \$83,160 "cap" the Legislature thought it was putting on the clerks.

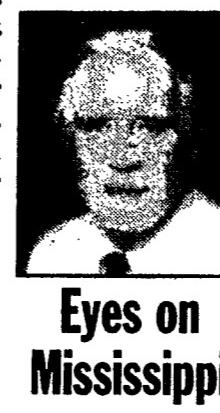
Circuit clerks, who are also subject to the same cap set by the Legislature, don't clear nearly as much dough from fees as their chancery clerk friends.

However quite a few of them had take-home pay in excess of \$75,000 last year, with the DeSoto County circuit clerk topping the list at \$125,000 net.

Somehow, the county clerks are like the third rail of politics which legislators over the years have been afraid to touch. Significantly, some clerks, especially circuit clerks, agree their jobs should put on a straight salary and taken off the fee system.

But their politically-potent

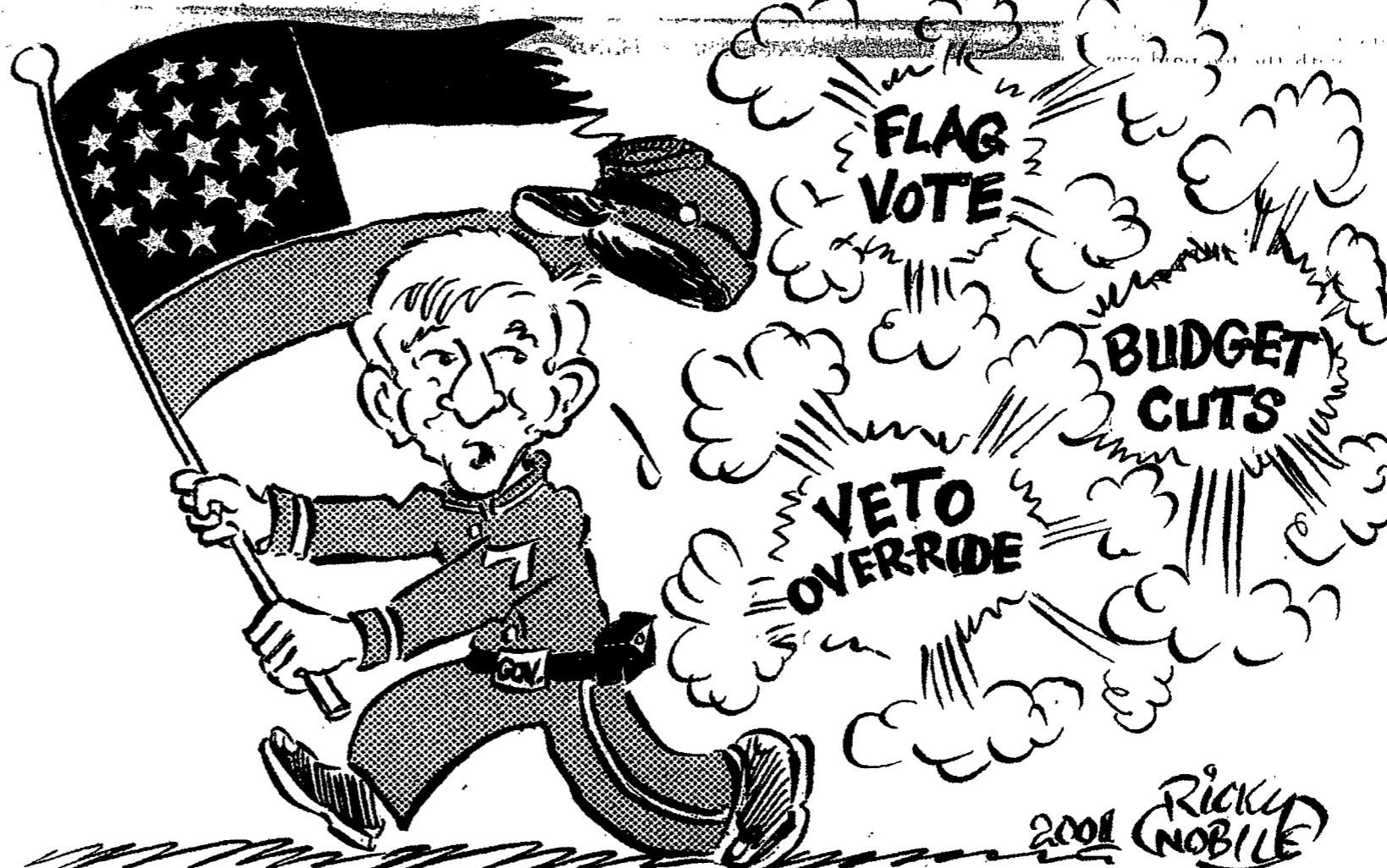
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Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

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TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor Phil Bryant MUNICIPALITIES

Q May a municipality provide administrative assistance to a human resource agency?

A Yes, provided it is a member of the agency. (§ 17-15-11)

Q Municipalities (holding elections) are limited by Section 21-35-27 from spending or contracting more than one fourth of their budget from April first through July first this year. Has this law been changed to restore the exception for purchases subject to Section 31-7-13 bidding laws?

A Yes. Senate Bill 2258, effective April 12, 2001, removed commodities, construction, printing and solid waste from the budget items included in this spending/contracting limitation.

Q May a municipality authorize travel and expenses for training and education of newly

elected or appointed municipal officials before the beginning of their term of office or employment?

A Yes. This authorization should be presented on the official minutes prior to incurring expenses. (§ 21-17-5 (4))

Q May a municipality contribute money to a (Sec. 21-19-65) social and community service program in anticipation of the future availability of a matching grant?

A No. (Attorney General's opinion to Thomas dated March 2, 2001)

Q May a municipality name a public facility by leasing the naming rights to a private commercial entity?

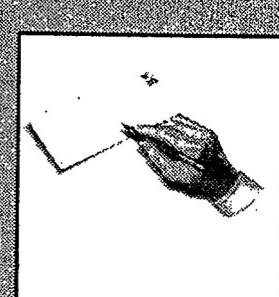
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Q Do community and junior colleges, not being agencies of

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

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Guest Editorial

Statewide crackdown aimed at drivers who endanger lives

By Frank McNeil

Bay St. Louis Police Chief
When violence hits the school yard and children die, we hear a national outcry. It's time our nation expresses similar outrage about the more than 2,000 children who die in traffic crashes each year.

Clearly, our nation's roadways are one of the most deadly places we take our children. Traffic crashes, in fact, remain the No. 1 killer of kids.

That is why the Bay St. Louis Police Department is participating in Click It or Ticket, the largest-ever crackdown on deadbeat drivers - people who don't buckle up themselves and don't buckle up children.

From May 21 through June 3, officers will sharply intensify enforcement of adult seat belt and child passenger laws across the state - joining a 50-state enforcement blitz of more than 10,000 law enforcement agencies.

During Click It or Ticket there will be zero tolerance for drivers who violate traffic safety laws. If you are stopped for any traffic violation and you and your passengers are not buckled up properly, each of you can expect to be ticketed in addition to any other violations.

Most adults know that seat belts save lives. The facts speak for themselves. But the strong risk of serious injury or death is not enough to persuade some adults to do the right thing.

The only proven way to moti-

vate these people is to increase the possibility that they'll get a ticket and be fined. That's why we participate in these crackdowns - because they work and save lives.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that Mississippi was fifth highest in child fatalities, 43, when unrestrained children were involved in automobile accidents.

Ahead of Mississippi were Texas, California, Florida and Georgia and tied with the state was South Carolina. This is a preventable statistic.

Further 1999 statistics show that of the 746 traffic related deaths of persons age 15 and above, 556 drivers or passengers were unrestrained.

Nearly half of the children and adults who die unrestrained in crashes would be alive today if they had been buckled in. These are totally preventable deaths.

Seat belt laws were designed to prevent such tragedies and they must be strictly enforced.

During this Memorial Day holiday time, if you ignore the law and put innocent lives at risk, look for us in your rear view mirror.

Foreman announces for Justice Court Judge East

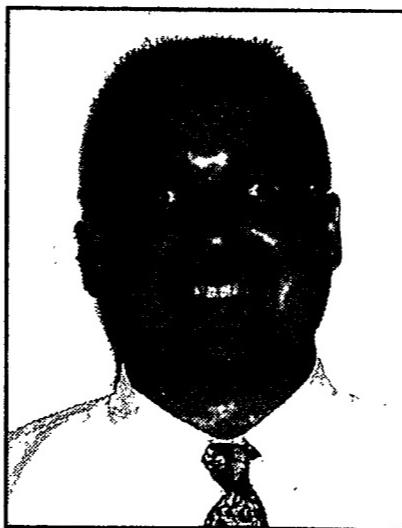
Travis T. Foreman, 31, of Waveland, announces his candidacy for Justice Court Judge East.

Foreman is owner of Foreman Professional Roofing.

He is a 1988 Bay High graduate and attended University of Southern Mississippi majoring in accounting.

He has been a Bay St. Louis resident since age 9.

Foreman said, "I believe that my past experience of nine years local law enforcement and three years as local businessman would enable me to perform at a high level the duties of Justice Court Judge East. I pledge to be both fair and honest every day of my term."



Travis T. Foreman

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Women voters convention set

The League of Women Voters of Mississippi's biennial convention will be May 19 at the Pepsi Cola Plant Hospitality Room, 13300 Dedeaux Road in Gulfport.

Registration is 9 a.m. LWVMS convenes at 10 a.m. with a report on the 2001 Legislature by Fran Leber.

Luncheon topic at noon will be Mississippi Judiciary: Elected versus appointed.

Entertainment by Gigi Hines will be at 1 p.m., and Mary Ann Graczyk will address Direction of Education in Mississippi at 2

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p.m. The business meeting will be at 3 p.m. and adjournment takes place at 4 p.m.

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Minor

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state associations take a different view to the Legislature, contending they don't want to do away with the fee-paid system, because it would make them beholden to the county board of supervisors for their salary.

At least in 1972 the Legislature did take the job of sheriff/tax collector off the fee system. In return, however, sheriffs were allowed to succeed themselves and their tax collecting duties were split off to a new elective job.

Clerks have the best of both worlds: Fee-paid offices which pay huge incomes and no limit on the number of terms they can serve. Of course, not all chancery clerks are pocketing six figures, and certainly all circuit clerks are not. But even clerks in small counties are generally better-paid than some major state agency heads.

Two chancery clerks (Jackson County's Lynn Presley and Union County's Larry Koon) have been sent to prison since Bryant became state Auditor in November, 1996. While Bryant didn't have the primary role in their convictions, his office provided valuable help to prosecutors.

To have any chance of reforming the clerk fee-paid system, Bryant knows, it will take a three-part political strategy: involve the clerks' associations, public demand for reform, and key legislative sponsors.

"You're not going to be able to sneak up on them (the clerks, as well as the Legislature)," he declared. "You're going to have to do this openly. The environment has to be just right to get reforms."

Already, Bryant has been talking with some clerks about alternative ideas to the existing fee-paid system, aimed at its eventual termination. He did not say, however, if he has won over any converts among the clerks.

Although Bryant says he has no plans now for seeking the Republican gubernatorial nomination in 2003, he admits "I get asked about it" in GOP circles.

However, some who keep close tabs on which politicians are laying the groundwork for a future campaign say Bryant is definitely making the rounds for a gubernatorial bid.

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Bay woman named 'Mississippi's Favorite Artist'

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
Pat Walker-Fields of Bay Saint Louis was honored at the Beau Rivage as one of "Mississippi's Favorite Artists" for 2001 by the American Medical Association.

This is Walker-Fields' second time to receive this honor. The Mississippi Medical Association and the Mississippi State Medical Association Alliance gala was held at the Beau Rivage Magnolia Ballroom in Biloxi.

The presentation of artwork was not only to recognize the outstanding Mississippi artist, but in part will benefit the University of Mississippi Medical Center for educational assistance, excellence and research through the AMA Foundation, Inc.

An award-winning Southern artist, Walker-Fields has quickly gained a reputation as one of the most gifted and exciting Southern painters working today.

Her incredible oils have been collected throughout the United States and Canada, but this proud Mississippi native still thinks of herself as "The Farmer's Daughter."

She credits her strong Southern roots for her passion for art, painting from the heart with each stroke. The passion and emotion shows in Walker-Fields' accomplished style and emotional brushwork. It is easy to understand why she has earned loyal collectors.

Walker-Fields studied pri-



Bay St. Louis-resident Pat Walker-Fields, seen here with a sampling of her artworks, was recently named one of "Mississippi's Favorite Artists" by the American Medical Association.

vately with Cholle of the Houston Art League, and her work was on exhibit in the "Cholle Show" associated with the Art League of Houston, Texas.

Although Walker-Fields has painted for 30 years and has studied with the accomplished Daniel Greene, Kim English, Fred Danziger and Morgan Samuel-Price, she says, "Cholle made everything come together

and my artwork sing from my soul." She believes she is creating her best work today.

Walker-Fields showcases her work at "The Farmer's Daughter," 138 Main Street, Olde Town, Bay Saint Louis, "Ohr O'Keefe Museum of Art," Biloxi, and "Spectrum Gallery," 434 North Columbia, Covington.

For information, special shows, or questions concerning

commission artwork, call Peggy Sanford at 228-463-2095 or Doug Hamley at 504-893-4010.

Walker-Fields lives in Bay Saint Louis with her husband, James Fields. Both are actively involved with the Olde Town Merchants Association, Second Saturday Art Walk and the Association for "Preservation of the Arts" to insure that the art of today will be enjoyed by future generations.

Burn -- banned in rural areas

In Bay St. Louis, Fire Chief Robert Gavigne said he and his firemen are closely monitoring the situation.

"We have a permit process, so it's pretty easy for us to control," said Gavigne. "But we'll see what the weekend brings."

In Waveland, Fire Chief David Garcia said burning is

still being allowed within the city, but permits will be issued for only a week at a time (from Friday until the next Friday) in order to keep track of the situation.

"It's something we have to watch daily," said Garcia. We're going to take it on a day-to-day basis.

Fungus

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The good news, Pace said, is that live oaks are very durable and a healthy tree would be unlikely to fall prey to the disease.

"A healthy tree is able to produce what is the equivalent of our antibodies to protect itself," Pace said.

Pace recommends taking no chances: "Make sure that your trees have the correct fertilizer and soil content and that they are pruned by someone who knows what they are doing," he said. "Trees that are stressed for any reason are more likely victims." Thorough cleaning of pruning tools is also recommended to prevent the spread of the disease.

Pace said that anyone can stop by his office on Longfellow Rd. and pick up a soil sample kit or other information for tips

on healthy trees. Soil kits are only three dollars, and that includes testing. Pace recommends testing the soil before doing any fertilizing.

The fungus generally enters the tree through wounds or cuts. The spores are a distinct orange color. A less virulent form of the fungus, found mainly in trees in Europe, produces a fluffy white growth. Researchers believe that the parasite kills the tree outward from the site of the fungus. The fungus may appear as a canker or disfiguration near a wound or joint in the tree, and may be surrounded by split bark, with limbs beyond the canker being dead, according to Slater.

For more information on how to protect your trees, call Stan Pace at 467-5456.

Beach

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reopened to swimming on Monday.

There has been no heavy rain in the area and no breaks in the sewerage system have been detected, Royals said.

He said a beach renourishment project taking place in the

area was "potentially" the reason for the temporary pollution, since work crews are digging up sand in the area.

Royals asked swimmers to "stay out of the water" in the area that remains closed.

Lagasse named RSVP pres.

**BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer**

Joanne Lagasse of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Hancock County, and Mayor Tommy Longo, representing the City of Waveland, attended the week long Annual Conference for the National Corporation for Community Service in Greensboro, N.C. last week. Waveland is the sponsor for RSVP in Hancock County.

Sponsors and members of RSVP from eight states attended the annual event. Members

of the RSVP Association of Mississippi took advantage of the gathering to hold their state meeting, also, and elected Lagasse as president of the Mississippi State Branch of the RSVP Association. This is the second time that Lagasse has been president of RSVP, the first time was in the late 1970s. Lagasse has been director of the Hancock County Branch of RSVP for 16 years.

"I was excited, the outcome of the election was unexpected ... it is an honor but will be a lot of work," said Lagasse.

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607 and U.S. 90 and off (state) Hwy. 603 and I-10," said Pate.

Last Friday, more than 50 acres of marshland and a mobile home and a \$150,000 residence were destroyed by a brushfire that got out of control in Pearlington. Crews from West Hancock, Clermont Harbor, St. Tammany Parish, NASA and the Mississippi Forestry Commission battled the blaze from 2:45 p.m. until 11 p.m. before it was under control.

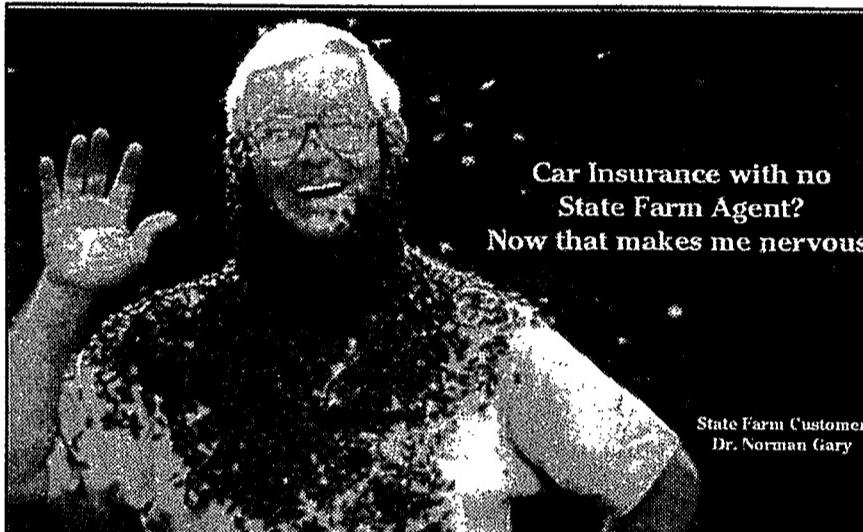
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DON T. SPELLMAN
MARGIE WILSON

DELMAR ALSOBROOK
 Delmar "Bud" Alsobrook, 69, of Picayune, died Tuesday, May 15, 2001, in Chalmette.

Mr. Alsobrook was a native of Picayune and was an engineer at J. Ray McDermott. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Ann Wilkerson of Waveland; a brother, A. W. Alsobrook of Nicholson; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, May 17, 6-9 p.m. at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune. Services will be conducted Friday, May 18 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel followed by burial at noon in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

DEAN ELLERTSON

Dean Frederick Ellertson, 78, of Diamondhead, died Sunday, May 13, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

He was a native of Aurora, IL and a resident of Diamondhead for the past 17 years. He was of the Protestant faith. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving in World War II. He was an active member of the Gulf Coast Jazz Society and the Bourbon Street East Jazz Group.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Einer and Tavia Anderson Ellertson; two deceased brothers; and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife: Violet Swanson Ellertson of Diamondhead; son: Richard Edward Ellertson of Grandview, Wa.; daughter: Martha Susan Ruebusch of Blandinsville, IL; and two grandchildren.

Interment will be held at a later date in Illinois.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

BARBARA ELLIS

Barbara J. Ellis, 55, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, May 11, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Ellis was a native of Albany, N.Y. and had been a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a graduate of Bay High School and was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. She was an employee of Casino Magic.

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We all wish you Happy Birthday!!
 Happy Birthday to you!! on this, this very special day, that you would have been "2".

With eternal love to our precious little girl, you are so very missed.

Grandpa and Grandma, Paw Paw and Maw Maw Uncle John and Aunt Karen Tanti Rémy and Uncle Michael

Survivors include a son and his wife, Kenneth and Danica Cunningham of Carlsbad, Calif.; a daughter, Christy Lapniewski of Bay St. Louis; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday, May 15, 2001, 7-9 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Wednesday in the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

CECILE ST. GERMAIN

Cecile St. Germain, 84, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, May 16, 2001 in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

GENE MCLAURIN

Gene L. McLaurin, 71, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, May 13, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. McLaurin was a native of Jackson and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. He served in the United States Marines Corps during the Korean Conflict. He was of the Methodist faith.

A graveside service will be conducted today, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. in Biloxi National Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

OLEN MORRIS SR.

Olen John Morris Sr., 85, of Poplarville, died Sunday, May 13, 2001, in Poplarville.

Mr. Morris was an Army veteran of World War II and attended Derby Place Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Elecia Rae Morris.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie Mae Johnston Morris; two sons, Selva Eugene Morris and Olen J. Morris Jr.; four daughters, Betty Lynette Frakes, Hattie Louise Cowart and Anita Lynn Ladner, all of Poplarville, and Mattie Lea Penton of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Alton Murphy Morris of Wiggins; 15 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at Derby Place Baptist Church followed by burial in Hester Cemetery directed by White Funeral home in Poplarville.

VERDA NECAISE

Verda Lizana Agnes Necaise, 83, of Gulfport, died Saturday, May 12, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Necaise was a lifelong resident of Gulfport and taught in the Harrison County School System. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

Survivors include five daughters, Shirley Cavanaugh of Tampa, Fla., Barbara Ellis of Pensacola, Fla., Ruth Ladner of Pass Christian, Carol Necaise of Saucier and Beverly Case of Gulfport; a sister, Ivelle McKnight of Biloxi; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at St. John Catholic Church. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery directed by Riemann Funeral Home in

Gulfport.

PHYLLIS SEUZENEAU
 Phyllis Kidd Seuzeneau, 83, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, May 9, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Seuzeneau was a native of Puerto Castilla, Honduras, and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sheldon M. Seuzeneau; her parents, William and Grace Alexander Kidd; three brothers, Lucian, Raymond and Rubin Kidd; two sisters, Nellie K. Lozano and Carmen Mitchell; and a granddaughter, Tammy Renee Seuzeneau.

Survivors include two sons, Sheldon M. Seuzeneau of Pensacola, Fla. and Gerald (Jerry) R. Seuzeneau of Pass Christian; two daughters, Sandra S. Comprett and Phyllis (Fee) S. Genin, both of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Ainsworth Kidd of South Carolina; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis followed by a Mass of Christian Burial and interment in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

DON T. SPELLMAN

Don T. Spellman, 46, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, May 12, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Spellman was a resident of the Coast for three years and was an auto mechanic. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elliott and Susie Dell Spellman.

Survivors include daughters Stacy Diane Spellman of Bush, La., Misty Dawn Spellman of Slidell; brothers Dr. Robert Peden of Stanleytown, Va., James Peden and David Peden, both of Magee, Miss.

Funeral services will be private.

The family prefers memorials to Liver Research & University of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, Ala.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

MARGIE WILSON

Margie Smith Stockstill Wilson, 75, of Carriere, died Sunday, May 13, 2001, in Carriere.

Mrs. Wilson was a native of Pearl River County and was owner/operator of an insurance agency. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Carriere.

Survivors include four sons, M. L. "Bud" Stockstill, Terrance Stockstill, John L. Stockstill, Jr., Julian Ott Stockstill, all of Picayune; two daughters, Dale Rouse of Picayune and Lana Rosine of McNeill; two sisters, Jean Kennedy of McNeill and Dorothy Harris of Kiln; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday evening at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune. Services were conducted Tuesday in the funeral home chapel followed by burial in New Palestine Cemetery in Picayune.

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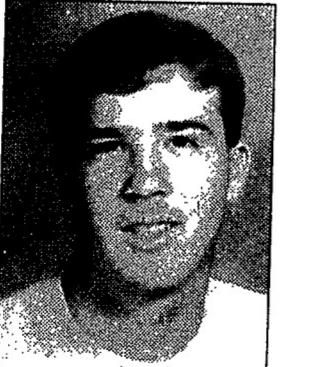
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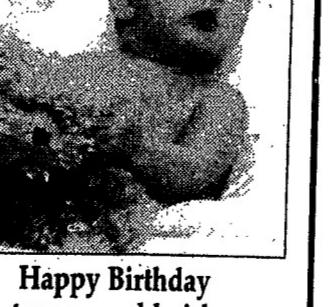
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Happy Birthday two year old girl, Big Sister, Precious baby, Today we celebrate your life! Love, Mommy, Daddy and Jeb

Shell retention fees fund cultch plant

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) will be distributing about 3500 cubic yards of cultch material (oyster shell) in the Henderson Point area this week to boost oyster productivity and enhance fishing opportunities in south Mississippi.

This is the first DMR cultch plant funded entirely by shell retention fees.

The DMR collects shell

retention fees from oyster fishermen and processors: 15 cents per sack from harvesters, 15 cents per sack from the dealer first purchasing the oysters and 50 cents per sack from harvesters selling the oysters outside the state of Mississippi.

About \$85,000 in collected fees will be used to fund this cultch plant.

"This is an instance where

the oyster industry is providing

the monies for this cultch plant

activity and should help insure

continuation of significant oyster harvest for the future," said DMR shellfish program coordinator Scott Gordon.

The cultch plant will take place in Area II "C" Conditionally Approved Waters, about three to four miles south of Pass Christian.

The DMR selected this site after interviewing local fishermen to get their recommendations and after checking bottom conditions, water currents and salinities.

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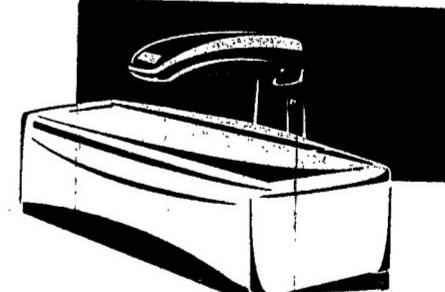
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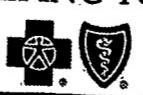
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BUSINESS NEWS



The Mississippi Power Education Foundation honored the recipients of the Alan R. Barton Excellence in Teaching Award at the foundation's annual banquet. This year's winners are Patricia Parrish, who teaches English and language arts at Sunrall Attendance Center, Mary Edelen, who teaches English and gifted classes at Pass Christian Elementary, and Silas Thompson, who teaches U.S. history and advanced placement world history at Petal High School. Sue Barton, far right, presented the awards in memory of her late husband, Alan R. Barton, who served as president of Mississippi Power from 1980 to 1989.

Educators receive awards

The Mississippi Power Education Foundation presented the Alan R. Barton Excellence in Teaching Award to teachers from Pass Christian, Petal and Sunrall at an April 27 banquet at the Great Southern Club in Gulfport.

Selected for this year's awards were Mary Edelen, who teaches English and gifted studies for grades two through five at Pass Christian Elementary School; Silas Thompson, who teaches United States and World History at Petal High School; and Patricia Parrish, who teaches English Language Arts and Introduction to Fine Arts in grades seven through 12 at Sunrall Attendance Center.

Teachers are nominated for the award by fellow teachers or school administrators. Barton, recipient of the Alan R. Barton

Excellence in Teaching Award receives \$500 and a plaque, an additional \$500 for classroom supplies, and \$1,000 for staff development at their respective schools.

The award is named in honor of Alan R. Barton, president of Mississippi Power Company from 1980-1989.

While he was president of Mississippi Power, Barton engaged in a campaign to enhance educational opportunities for all Mississippians and in 1984 established the Mississippi Power Education Foundation.

Since then, the foundation has awarded more than \$2.5 million in education grants in Mississippi.

The two-day conference focused on cutting-edge asset protection techniques, which safeguard assets from potential creditors' claims.

Advantages, risks and trade-offs of proper integrated estate planning and asset protection, U.S. Compliance requirements, Limited Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies and Offshore Limited Liability entities were discussed.

The program was designed for attorneys and trust professionals who work in the integrated estate planning area.

Guice, a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA) has been a trust officer with the Peoples Bank Asset Management & Trust Department since 1992.

She is a graduate of the Southeastern Trust School, Campbell University, National and Graduate Trust Schools,

NARFE convention starts today

The Mississippi Federation of Chapters of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will hold its 36th annual convention in Gulfport, May 20 through 22 at the Holiday Inn Airport on Highway 49, Gulfport.

According to Amelia Killeen, president of local Buccaneer Chapter 1729, approximately 150 NARFE members are expected to be in attendance representing the 31 statewide

NARFE chapters.

Mary Sinders, federation president, said NARFE started in 1921, and the current national membership exceeds 400,000 retirees.

The purpose of the organization is to help protect the benefits of the federal retiree. It provides assistance to retirees in cases of emergency and family crisis.

NARFE members are active in community and philanthropic

affairs. The national service project for Alzheimer's research has raised over \$5 million in the last five years. Mississippi has been recognized as one of the most generous federations in the nation.

National Secretary David Sullivan will be the keynote speaker on the morning of May 21. Sullivan has been a NARFE member since 1989.

He is a past chapter president of the Springfield, Va. chapter, and served in the Virginia state Federation in several elected positions prior to being elected to national secretary.

He completed 36 years of national service with such agencies as Railway Mail Service and Foreign Commercial Service. Sinders say the federation is honored to have Mr. Sullivan representing the National Board at the convention.

Casino Magic rated "best"

Chance Magazine has selected Casino Magic Bay St. Louis for "Best Resort" and "Best Golf." Additionally, the casino was also named "Best Blackjack" in the Mississippi gaming industry.

"Set off by itself, more inland than the rest of the casinos on the Gulf Coast, the Magic is a friendly place whose golf course (The Bridges) makes it feel more like a resort and less like a casino," The Chance Magazine article said.

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accommodations, gaming and more, all in one spot. We also have the luxury of being located on 591 acres with plenty of room to grow," said General Manager Todd Raziano.

Eleven of 17 selections in the May-June "Best of Mississippi" edition went to Mississippi Gulf Coast casinos.

The Bridges Golf Resort, which has received many kudos from Golf Magazine and others, was mostly recently ranked by Maximum Golf Magazine as one of Mississippi's "top bargain" courses in its June issue.

Both Chance and Maximum Golf Magazines are national publications.

Guice attends asset protection and estate planning conference

Ann Guice CTFA, vice president/trust officer of The Peoples Bank, recently attended the Asset Protection and Integrated Estate Planning Conference in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Northwestern University, a graduate of the Mississippi School of Banking where she now serves on the faculty as instructor for Trust Services.

She also has a master of business administration from Tulane University and a bachelor of arts from Louisiana State University, New Orleans.

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Mississippi management seminar for nonprofits

The Mississippi Center for Nonprofits will host a seminar on June 26-27 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Jackson. Conference highlights include keynote speaker Rev. Ronald Nored, Sr., director and founder of Bethel-Ensley Action Task, Inc., a church/neighborhood-based organization that focuses on community and economic development and youth-related issues.

On June 27, representatives of Nissan will discuss the company's philosophy and experience in community relations and its vision for Mississippi.

Breakfast roundtables will emphasize key issues of the Ten-Year Vision Plan for Mississippi's nonprofit sector.

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Phillips Aviation is back as FBO at Stennis Airport

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Gene Phillips is back as the Fixed Base Operator at Stennis International Airport.

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission and Phillips, president of Phillips Aviation, signed a new lease agreement at a meeting Monday, giving the firm access to Hangar B on the south side of the airport, next door to where he once ran the operations. The new three-year lease, which begins June 1, still needs concurrence by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, but no problems are envisioned.

Phillips Aviation had been the airport's FBO for about 12 years when the commission voted in November of 1997 to lease the space occupied by the firm to United Aircraft Service, provided that firm, led by Alan Bishop, would renovate the airport's terminal building.

But, in February of 2000, the commission worked out a deal where Phillips could lease space in a private project hanger on the north end of the airfield and entered into a "Through the Fence User Agreement" with Phillips.

Bishop cried foul and lodged a complaint with the Federal Aviation Administration, seeking a hearing at the highest level. He contended it was discriminatory to charge Phillips only \$525 for the hangar he was using compared to the \$3,150-a-month he was being charged for the terminal building and Phillips' former hangar.

Bishop said FAA guidelines frown on allowing two FBOs at

a community airport.

The accusations cost the Port and Harbor Commission, which oversees Stennis International, thousands of dollars to hire a high-powered attorney to argue before a tribunal in Washington, but the outcome was in favor of Phillips and the commission.

The FAA ruled United Aircraft did not have an exclusive right to serve as FBO at Stennis, and said there was no unjust economic discrimination suffered by Bishop.

Last December, Bishop asked to be released from his lease, contending fuel sales out at the airport were not enough to justify keeping the operations open. He turned in the keys to his facilities Jan. 10 and vacated the premises, and Phillips has, in effect, served as the airport's FBO since then.

The commission had to terminate the lease agreement Phillips had on the Project Hangar at the north end of the air field, then rescind his "Through the Fence" Lease Agreement, before entering into the new pact.

Under terms of the new lease, Phillips will pay \$2,000-a-month rent for 10,000 square-feet of space in Hangar B beginning June 1, and will be allowed 20 aircraft rental spaces overtime down on the airport apron for transit or storage aircraft.

He will pay seven percent of gross sales on all commercial aviation activity for aircraft with passenger capacity of 20 or more seats. Phillips will also pay a fuel flowage fee of seven cents per gallon for each gallon

of fuel sold to personal or government aircraft under contract, and nine-and-a-half cents per gallon on fuel pumped through the self-fueler pump. The firm is required to provide detailed reports of all fuel sales to the commission by the 15th of each month.

The lease also requires Phillips to have a qualified flight instructor on staff and someone to respond 24-hours each day to requests for service. It requires Phillips Aviation to "perform services normally performed by a fixed based operator, including providing ground handling and marshaling of aircraft, refueling of aircraft, sale of aircraft products, rental of aircraft, flight instructions and aircraft maintenance."

The new lease, like the one given United Aircraft, does not give Phillips Aviation the "exclusive" right to operate at Stennis, and also provides he cannot sublease the new premises.

Later, Phillips said, "I'm happy to be coming back."

He said transit fuel sales had dropped off considerably at Stennis. "But, it will be coming back once people hear I'm back," Phillips said.

He praised the efforts of Airport Manager Bill Cotter in negotiating the new lease.

"He worked real hard to make it right," said Phillips. "I think everybody will be happy."

Phillips is well-known in the aviation community, and each year hosts an Old Timer's Fly-In at Stennis, which attracts hundreds of flyers. The event is scheduled this Sunday.

Farve -- the winner

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counting was over.

But it wasn't quite as close as the race four years ago, when Lampley defeated Farve for the Ward 3 seat by a mere two votes in a runoff after a four-way primary with the two candidates and Willie C. Acker and Charles Johnson yielded no clear winners.

Acker was also a key figure in Tuesday's runoff, finishing with 90 votes in the May 1 pri-

mary to Farve's 169 and Lampley's 193.

Since Farve will face no Republican opposition in the June 5 general election, he in effect won Lampley's post yesterday -- and won't be the only new face on the council.

In June, Independent Ward 1 Councilman Doug Seal will face Republican Susan Kidd Blaché. Democratic Ward 2 Councilman James C. "Jim" Thriffiley III is

unopposed, as is Democratic Councilman-at-large William E. "Bill" Taylor. Democratic candidate Bobby Comprett and Ronald J. LaFontaine, both unchallenged in the primary, will face each other for Councilman Tad Black's vacated Ward 4 seat.

Oliver is national winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Jonathan Charles Oliver of Bay St. Louis has been named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics.

Oliver, who attends Hancock High School, was nominated for the award by Jennifer Seal, a teacher at the school.

Oliver will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude

and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Oliver is the son of Charles and Lisa Oliver of Bay St. Louis. His grandparents include Chester and Carol Ladner of Bay St. Louis and Elaine Oliver of Walker, La.

Events for Thurs., Fri., Sat.

BAY HIGH BAND CONCERT TODAY

The Bay High bands will present a Spring Concert today at 7 p.m. in the Robert V. Magee Auditorium. Admission is two cans or one bag of dog and/or cat food for the Waveland Animal Shelter.

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King's Corner Outreach Ministry will host Ron Meyers' Cross 2 Success Ministries tonight at 7 p.m. at Hwy. 90 West, Waveland.

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Bookends Bookstore in Bay St. Louis will host a children's story party on Saturday May 19th, at 2 p.m. Children's



Jonathan Charles Oliver

Jazz in the Pass



Echo staff photos by Geoff Belcher

The fourth annual Jazz in the Pass Celebration at Memorial Park on Scenic Drive in Pass Christian Saturday drew hundreds of participants, including vendors like Virgil and Patricia Legohn, who owners of "Roots & Culture" on Columbus St. in New Orleans.



Jennie Lou Mintz, the founder and organizer of the annual Jazz in the Pass event, takes a moment Saturday to enjoy the fruits of her labor.

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Bilirakis crusades to restore military retired pay



Ask The V.A.

by Donald Mauffray
CVSO

Congressman Mike Bilirakis (R-FL) recently reintroduced his legislation to authorize disabled military retirees to receive both military retired pay and VA disability compensation concurrently.

Bilirakis' legislation is designed to rectify an 1891 law that requires a disabled career-military veteran to waive the amount of his retired pay equal to the amount of his VA disability compensation.

"Nationwide, more than 400,000 disabled military retirees must give up their retired pay in order to receive their VA disability compensation," said Bilirakis. "Military retirees are the only group of federal retirees who are forced to fund their own disability benefits."

Bilirakis has introduced legislation (HR. 303) to eliminate the offset between military pay and VA disability compensation for over 15 years.

In the prior Congresses, his legislation has received strong bipartisan support. In the 107th Congress, Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) introduced a companion bill (S. 170) in the U.S. Senate.

In the last two years, Congress has enacted legislation, authored by Rep. Bilirakis, to authorize "special compensation" for certain severely disabled retirees.

This was a small but important first step in recognizing the difference between a retirement for an extended career or

V.A.--PAGE 5B



Furniture maker Cliff Cowans recalls some family history while taking a break outside his home workshop in Bay St. Louis. "Some people call me a folk artist," Cowans said.



Sculptures made from found wood adorn the Cowans family home and yard. The best wood is what the river gives up, Cowans said.

Something Wicker This Way Comes ...

Hancock man continues long family legacy

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Some people have described furniture maker Cliff Cowans as a folk artist and indeed, his rough, somewhat decorative pieces have a quaint, folksy appeal. Most give no indication of the legacy they represent, generations of furniture makers who have passed their craft on from father to son, mother to daughter, brother to brother and on down the line.

"My whole family makes furniture, it's just been going on and on," said Cowans. "My grandmother-made furniture too, before my mama was born and she taught my mama and her brothers and sisters and my mama taught us. Seems like none of our kids are interested in learning though, they have their jobs."

Cowans is a walking history book of not only his family's legacy, but of a quickly dying way of life, when needs were simple and skills were passed on from generation to generation without question.

As far as Cowans can tell, family furniture-making dates back to at least his great-great-grandmother, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian from Oklahoma. "They would make a whole batch of furniture, chairs and things and tie it together with bark," he said.

Cowans' grandmother Fulton traveled with her family from Oklahoma on horseback through many states, selling furniture and camping along the rivers.

"They loved the rivers and spent most of their life on one," said Cowans. "When they were ready to leave a spot, they'd just leave their furniture behind and make some more when they got to the next place."



One of Cowans' wooden creations, some of which will be on display this weekend.

Cowans' parents continued the same lifestyle, traveling through Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida - where Cowans was born - and Georgia. The family camped in tents and sold furniture, he remembers.

In Georgia, Cowans' father entered the military to serve in World War II, leaving the family of nine children behind.

"Mamma had some relatives on the Mississippi River in Louisiana and we stayed there 'til Daddy came back," said Cowans. "We always lived in tents, until about 1948, when Daddy rented a piece of land. We built a little two-room shack and lived there for several years ... there were four big ponds joined together by canals filled with all kinds of big old fish. We caught those and turtles and alligators ... we shot an alligator that must have been twelve feet long, cleaned him and put him in the refrigerator."

Cowans, in the tradition of the past, uses recycled wood in his pieces whenever possible. "That's what people like anyway," he said. "And that's what I like to use." He gets some of his wood from old buildings being torn down, but his favorite

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You have to talk the fisherman talk, walk the fisherman walk

We were sitting on the small wooden deck besides the porch that somehow always catches a breeze. Today, there was just the soft breath of a breeze, just enough to make things pleasant.

Stella was in the hammock and I was stretched out on the lounge. It was one of those rare Saturdays when Stella and I had been able to do all the chores that we had set out to do and were killing the little time left before lunch.

I was comfortable and had dropped my arm so that I could reassuringly touch the sun-warmed back of Jennie sleeping on the deck beside my lounge.

Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estranza La Violette
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She had been swishing in her sleep, chasing something down the secret passages of her mind.

I was debating on whether to turn on my right or left side when I happened to glance out toward Carrere's pier. I could see the small figure of a fisherman slowly heading back to the beach casting his line inside the pier's poles as he walked through the shallows.

"Looks like someone's been from work. She had gotten up

before daybreak and had gone over by that same pier to wade fish. She had stayed out till after ten and then returned disgusted with only two fish; a Black Drum and a Speckled Trout.

They were small; barely lunch size. They were the size that makes you have to fill the spaces in your tummy with lots of lettuce and tomatoes. Luckily the tomatoes are extra sweet this year and we did have a good lunch.

Now, as I watched her, I could tell she was going over in her mind the poor luck she had been having fishing. After twenty-five years, I had no trouble following her chain of thought.

I knew her next thought would be whether it would have

been worth getting up this morning and going fishing rather than what she had actually done: make me a batch of vanilla ice cream and some Boursin cheese spread.

While the Boursin was lagomippe, I consider both ice cream and fresh fish part of life's essentials. I was of two minds on the options that I knew were the next step in Stella's thinking on how she should spend the rest of the weekend.

Behind me, I heard a pickup pull over and stop on our side street and its door open and slam shut. Stella looked up and immediately sat up straight.

I sat up also and saw walking toward us the brother of a neighbor that lives up the

street. He lives in north Mississippi, but since he's an ardent fisherman, he often came down to the coast and spent a few days at his sister's so that he can wade fish in the Sound.

As he approached, I noticed two things. The first was that the short rubber boots he had on made a squashing noise as he walked and the second was that he was the fellow I had seen over by Carrere's Pier.

"Did you have any luck?" both Stella and I asked as one.

"No, not a bit. Lots of bait fish," he said sitting on one of the white plastic chairs I pulled over for him to sit on. "More bait fish than I've ever seen before. All over the place. But nothing

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SPORTS

SSC, HHS & OLA thinclads earn All-State honors at meet

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

Hughes Field in Jackson was the site of the State Track and Field Meet over the weekend, and Hancock County had several area representatives on the track during the two-day event.

In the sweltering heat, SSC and Hancock each put three athletes on the track in various events while OLA had a medal winner.

Kyle Lewis, Grady Willis, and Brent Acker all competed for SSC. Jason Phillips, Dustin Hicks, and Morgan Necaise represented the Hancock Hawks. Jill Rutherford donned the maroon and white one last time for the OLA Crescents.

Lewis competed in the 3200m run where he finished sixth overall with a time of 10:48.10. The winner of the event was Jake Raines from East Central in a blazing 9:26.34.

His time set a new overall record in the state for all classifications. The previous overall record was 9:27.74 held by Tom Caffrey of Our Lady of Victory set and set in 1987. Raines also won the 1600m run in 4:24.73 and set a new Class 4A record. Raines' time in the 1600m run broke Brian Brooks' record from 1991 of 4:28.05. Brooks was also the Class 4A record holder in the 3200m run. Brooks is a former SSC runner.

Willis ran a personal best

22.6 in the 200m dash and finished eighth overall in the state meet. Acker placed fifth in a fast field of 800m runners with a time of 2:05.07.

Acker was last after the first lap was completed in :59 seconds. Acker moved up and held off his challengers to be the highest finisher for SSC.

SSC head coach Steve Flannery stated, "It was very hot on the track - about 90 degrees. I thought our guys ran very well considering the circumstances. Brent Acker had a very gutsy performance for us."

Phillips placed fourth overall for Hancock in the high jump with a height of 6'0". The winner of that event was Matt Denton at 6'10". That was the best jump of the state meet in all classifications.

Dustin Hicks ran in 1600m run finishing eighth with a time of 5:05.8. Morgan Necaise of the Hancock Lady Hawks placed eighth in the shotput with a throw of 28'6".

Jill Rutherford of OLA placed second overall in the Class 2A discus for the Crescents. Rutherford threw the disc 10'4" 1/2".

All participants in the state meet earned All-State honors.

Other notable performances came from Kristy Fairley and the George County Lady Rebels, Jasmine Walls of Picayune, and Charles Hall of Gulfport.

Fairley and her teammates earned their fourth consecutive Class 4A state title. Fairley, a University of Alabama signee, won the 100m, 200m, and 400m dashes. She also anchored all three winning relays. Fairley ended her high school career with 30 gold medals at the state meet.

It was the first time in Mississippi track history that a female has earned that distinction. Fairley remained undefeated at the state meet with the six gold medals this year.

Teammate Octavia Carter, an Ole Miss signee, won the 100m and 300m hurdle races and also ran on the three winning relays for George County.

The Lady Rebels only had five girls competing in the state meet.

Jasmine Walls of Picayune remained undefeated in the Class 4A high jump with a gold medal performance and an overall state record with a jump of 5'7 1/4". Walls surpassed the mark of 5'7" held jointly by Leah Estes of Brookhaven (1977) and Sabrina Norwood of Tupelo (1999).

Hall repeated as the state's "fastest man." Hall, a senior at Gulfport High, held off a challenge by Vicksburg's Maurice Taylor to win the meet's premier event - the 100m dash. Hall recorded a time of 10.78 while Taylor crossed the line at 10.79.

The final team standings for the Class 4A boys were Pearl with 85 points, Crystal Springs 74, McComb 52, Raymond 51, East Central 36, Aberdeen 31, Hernando 23, West Jones 23, Cleveland 19, Picayune 19, Oxford 19, Holly Springs 18, Quitman County 18, Iberville 16, Brookhaven 15, St. Martin 13, Humphreys County 13, George County 10, Northeast Lauderdale 10, Laurel 10, East Side 10, St. Stanislaus 8, Hancock 6, and nine more teams with five points or less.

The final standings for the Class 4A girls were George County with 85 points, Pearl 48, West Jones 46, Holly Springs 40, Picayune 37, East Side 30, Laurel 26, McComb 24, Raymond 23, Brookhaven 21, Iberville 20, Clarksdale 16, Humphreys County 16, Greenwood 14, Oak Grove 13, St. Martin 8, Vancleave 1, Hancock 1, Quitman 1, Oxford 1, and Terry with one point.

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Baseball			
Cardinals	4	1	0
Blue Jays	3	3	0
Yankees	3	3	0
Twins	0	3	0

For information, see website <http://www.myteam.com/go/wavelandll>



Winners

South Mississippi Soccer Club U-14 Select Girls earned second place in the Catfish Classic April 28 in Gautier. Team members include, top from left, Brett Walsh, Kristie Dewberry, Coach Chris Kinnie, Nikki Harsbarger and Emily Sledge; middle, Ellen Dauterive, Stephanie Fields, Meghan Flynt, Kay Pouriraj, and Jane Covington; front, Jordan Jones, Caroline Boelte, Sarah Lolcano, Jesse Hearty, Georgia Hernandez and Emily Hoff.

Golf tourney benefit a success

Members of the Pass Christian Unit of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast, first annual Pass Christian Unit Golf Tournament at the Pass Christian Isles Golf Club, held Friday, May 12, 2000 raised \$45,000.00.

The event raised funds for the Pass Christian Unit which opened June 27, 2000. The club will provide programs in five core areas such as character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation. The club is located in the former Pass Christian Middle School on Clark Street. For information, contact Unit Director Ranard Head at (228) 452-6010.

Football, cheerleader registration for BSL

Football and cheerleader registration for Bay St. Louis youth will be May 21, 22, 24 and 25 at the Bay St. Louis baseball field on Athletic Drive and McDonald Field, 5:30-7:30 each night.

Youths between 6 and 12 who would like to play football or be a cheerleader may register one

of these nights and receive a \$5 discount.

For information about football, call Ree Elliott at 467-3904 or Bruce Morreale at 467-5691.

For information about cheerleading, call Pennie Brogle at 467-3192 or Tammy Woods at 467-7506 after 6 p.m.

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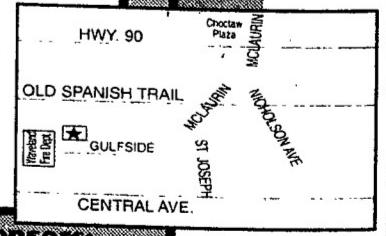
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SPORTS



Scholarship recipient

Christopher Powell, son of Vernon and Barbara Powell, has received a full football scholarship from Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas. He is the grandson of Ordean Powell and of Joe and Dorothy Marochino. He was named All-District Lineman and selected on the San Antonio All-City Team and played in the All-Star game May 19. At the signing of his letter of acceptance were his mother and father and the principal of his high school, Sylvia De La Pena.

Seed available for wildlife

Anyone who has ever spent an afternoon overlooking a food plot will certainly have a deep appreciation for wildlife plantings. Even the wildlife photographer, who maneuvers silently through a stand of pines into an opening that was planted in winter wheat, benefits from wildlife plantings.

Food plots are attractive to wildlife because they can supplement their daily nutritional needs. Such plots can be established and maintained at a relatively low cost.

These plots can be designed to serve as a source of food and, sometimes, cover. Food plots have the potential to increase numbers of wildlife, quality of health and observability.

To aid landowners who would like to plant wildlife food, Wildlife Mississippi, has initiated a Wildlife Habitat Seed Program. Through this program, Wildlife Mississippi will make seed available at a minimal cost.

The Wildlife Habitat Seed Program is designed to provide an incentive for landowners to establish and maintain food plots that will yield a variety of benefits to the landowner as well as the species of wildlife he or she is managing.

Winter wheat is currently available through the Wildlife Habitat Seed Program. All seed has been treated and has excellent germination rates.

The seed is provided by

Pioneer Hi-Bred International and is distributed through Resource Management, Inc. to the Foundation.

If planted properly, they will be utilized by a variety of species of wildlife. White-tailed deer, turkey, quail, doves and many species of songbirds will benefit from these plantings.

Wildlife Mississippi is now receiving orders by mail and will continue to do so through July 15.

Winter wheat is the only seed available at this time. The costs will be \$4 per 50 lb. bag to help cover trucking and administra-

tive fees incurred by the Foundation.

Persons ordering seed will be required to pick up the seed at either Armory, Greenville or Hattiesburg.

Interested in taking advantage of this unique program? If so, send a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope to Wildlife Mississippi, c/o Wildlife Habitat Seed Program, P.O. Box 10, Stoneville, MS 38776.

We will promptly send you an order form and planting information. Each participant will be notified by mail when the seed is available for pickup.

Pass honors baseball players

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Pass Christian Pirates held their annual baseball awards ceremony that honored letter winners and special awards recipients.

First year participation certificates were presented to Dustin Allen, Cory Ladner, Kendrick Ladner, Shannon Niolet, and Jacob Welch.

Second-year letter winners were Richard Dedeaux, Robert Hargrove, Lane Jenkins, Aaron Kowalski, Patrick Necaise,

James Sanders, Tom Wagner, and Kevin Witt.

Third-year letters were presented to John Cuevas, Darren Henderson, Brian Kowalski, and Jarrod Malley. Myles Wagner was the only four-year letter winner.

John Cuevas and Myles Wagner were presented with certificates acknowledging their selection to the Division 8 Class 3A first team. Dustin Allen, Richard Dedeaux, Darren Henderson, Jarrod Malley, and Patrick Necaise were all honored for being named to the Division 8 Class 3A honorable mention team.

John Cuevas merited the Highest Batting Average Award and the Most Valuable Player Award. Dustin Allen was named the Outstanding Defensive Player Award.

The Most Improved Player Award was presented to Jacob Sanders. Myles Wagner was honored with the Scholar-Athlete Award. The Gatorade "Will to Win Athletes" are Dustin Allen, John Cuevas, Darren Henderson, Myles Wagner, Richard Dedeaux, and Robert Hargrove.

Fire Dogs bash Beast 41-6

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Fire Dogs (4-1) stayed within reach of first place in the NFL with a 41-6 win over the homestanding Monroe Bayou Beast on Saturday, May 12.

In a game that was described by offensive coordinator Stu Rayburn as "total domination" by the Mississippi defense, the Fire Dogs proved that the 71-20 thrashing of the Beast earlier in the season was no fluke.

The first meeting between the two teams about three weeks ago was ruled an exhibition game by the league. This time the domination counted for real.

Fire Dogs quarterback Derrick Taite threw for two scores and Rayburn threw one scoring pass and ran for another one in the rout.

Lamont Woodberry and Kenny Causey each had touchdown receptions while Dexter Thomas added two rushing scores for the Fire Dogs.

On defense, the Fire Dogs dominated every aspect of the game. Kevin Bouis added an interception for Mississippi.

The Fire Dogs will travel to Orem, Utah for game with the Utah Express this weekend. The Fire Dogs will be back in the friendly confines of the Dog Pound in the Mississippi Coast

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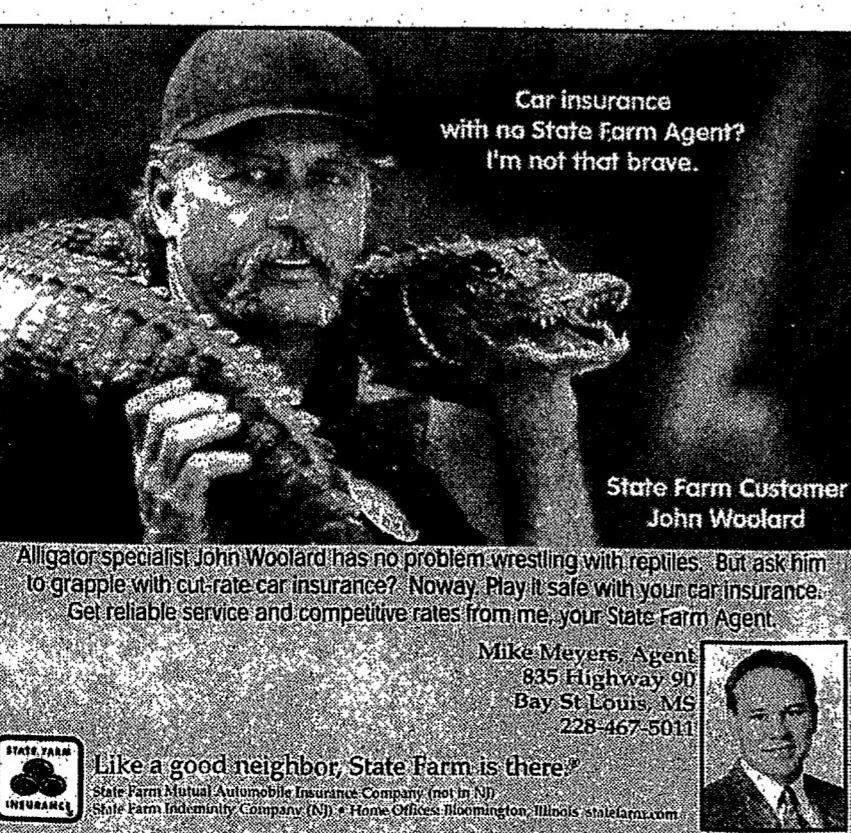
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Entertainment

Coast Performing Arts presents Candlelight Series concert May 19

Coast Performing Arts presents the first concert in its Candlelight Series, which showcases emerging artists, on Saturday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Gulfport.

Tickets are \$20 and are available from Coast Performing Arts, 452-7744 or toll free 877-246-7372. Concert goers also are invited to attend a special pre-concert dinner (\$16.95 per person) at the Great Southern Club atop the Hancock Bank Building in downtown Gulfport from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call 865-0200.

Four talented young artists, who are appearing during the month of May with Natchez Opera Festival, will present a varied program of operatic favorites and show tunes, including music from the operas Carmen and Rigoletto, among others, and from the Broadway musicals Showboat, Porgy and Bess, Kiss Me Kate and Fiddler on the Roof.

Soprano Michelle Collier holds a master of music in opera performance from Boston Conservatory. A regional finalist in the 1999 Metropolitan Opera auditions, she has performed with Delaware Valley Opera Company in Philadelphia, with Opera in the Ozarks and with Houston Ebony Opera.

Mezzo soprano Jodi Karem-Brennan holds a bachelor of music degree and has sung with such companies as Aspen Opera Theatre, Bay Area Summer Opera Theater Institute, Opera Theater of Lucca and Opera Aegean.

Tenor Chad Boudreax of Brooklyn, N.Y. holds a master of vocal performance from Louisiana State University. He has performed numerous roles with opera companies across



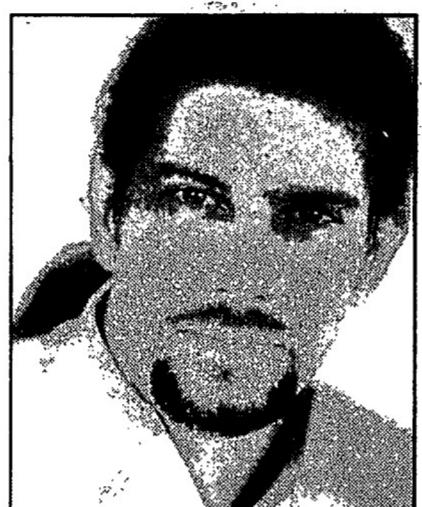
Michelle Collier
Soprano



Chad Boudreux
Tenor



Jodi Karem-Brennan
Mezzo Soprano



Walter DuMelle
Bass

the United States and has won several awards, including a 1998 Metropolitan Opera Regional Finalist Award.

Originally from Chicago but now living in New York, bass Walter DuMelle holds the master of music degree from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. He has performed with Chicago Opera Theatre and San Diego Opera, among many others.

Accompanying the four singers will be Roger Malouf, who is an accompanist at the famed Juilliard School and the Marines College of Music. Malouf also is a staff member of New York City Opera and is music director and conductor of West Side Opera.

Coast Performing Arts, which opened its initial season with a well-received production of La Traviata in February, was formed to bring professional musical and dance productions to the Coast. The group's 2001-2002 season plans will be announced at the May 19 Candlelight event.

Crosby Arboretum June calendar

Aquatic & Bog Plant Display and Sale

Saturday, June 2

Member Sale: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Public Sale: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Aquatic and bog displays, lectures, and a great selection of water plants are waiting for you at the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune.

Dozens of hardy and tropical water lilies, bold and dramatic lotus, Louisiana iris, and a host of other wetland plants will be for sale.

Beautifully designed aquatic displays will give you good ideas for your garden pool. Free admission and open to the public.

Back to the Bogs!

Sunday, June 10

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Join the staff of the Crosby Arboretum on a half day of bog tours filled with color. First we will carpool to Hillside Bog

Natural area in Hancock County.

Hillside Bog is famous for its fine representation of pitcher plants and a wealth of other wetland plants. Then we will visit the unique bog garden of Coleman Tarnok in Carriere.

Tarnok has unarguably the finest collection of southeastern pitcher plants and their hybrids around.

Bring boots and refreshments to this treat. Meet at the Crosby Arboretum Visitors Center parking area at 8 a.m. sharp to carpool. Members, \$5; non-members, \$8.

Kids: Make Your Own Bird bath

Saturday, June 16

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Kids, come learn about birds and about their habitats at the Crosby Arboretum. We'll also learn to make bird baths. Each child will be provided with a kit

and materials to construct his own bird bath.

Reservations are required by Friday, June 15 as space for this workshop will be limited. Call (601)-799-2311, ext. 21, to register. Member children, \$7; non-members, \$9.

June Plants in Bloom

Butterfly weed, white-topped sedge, sundew, orange candy root, stokes aster, yellow eye grass, buttonbush, summer-sweet, titi, yellow cow-lily, white waterlily, floating hearts, golden club, lizard's tail.

The Crosby Arboretum is located in Picayune. Take I-59 to Exit 4 and follow the signs; or from the Gulf Coast, take I-10 to the Waveland exit and proceed north on Highway 603 to Highway 43 to Picayune. For information, call (601)-799-2311 ext. 21.



Call for arts entries

The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum in Biloxi is sponsoring a national multi-media juried arts competition with \$4,000 in prizes.

This exhibition is open to any artist residing in the United States 18 years of age or older. All work must be original and must have been created since January 1, 2000.

Entry fee is \$25 (non-refundable) which entitles the artist to enter up to three 35 mm slides of their work.

Juror is internationally known potter Peter Callas of Belvidere, N.J.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 1, 5 p.m.
• Absolute deadline for hand-delivered receipt of slides, entry form and SASE.

Saturday, September 1
• Accepted/declined notifications mailed. Slides of declined

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Friday, October 12

- Absolute deadline for accepted work to be delivered to OOMA, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday, October 26

- Exhibition opens 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday, January 2 and 3

- Pick up hand-delivered work, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The prospectus for the competition will be mailed in May. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art at 228.374.5547.

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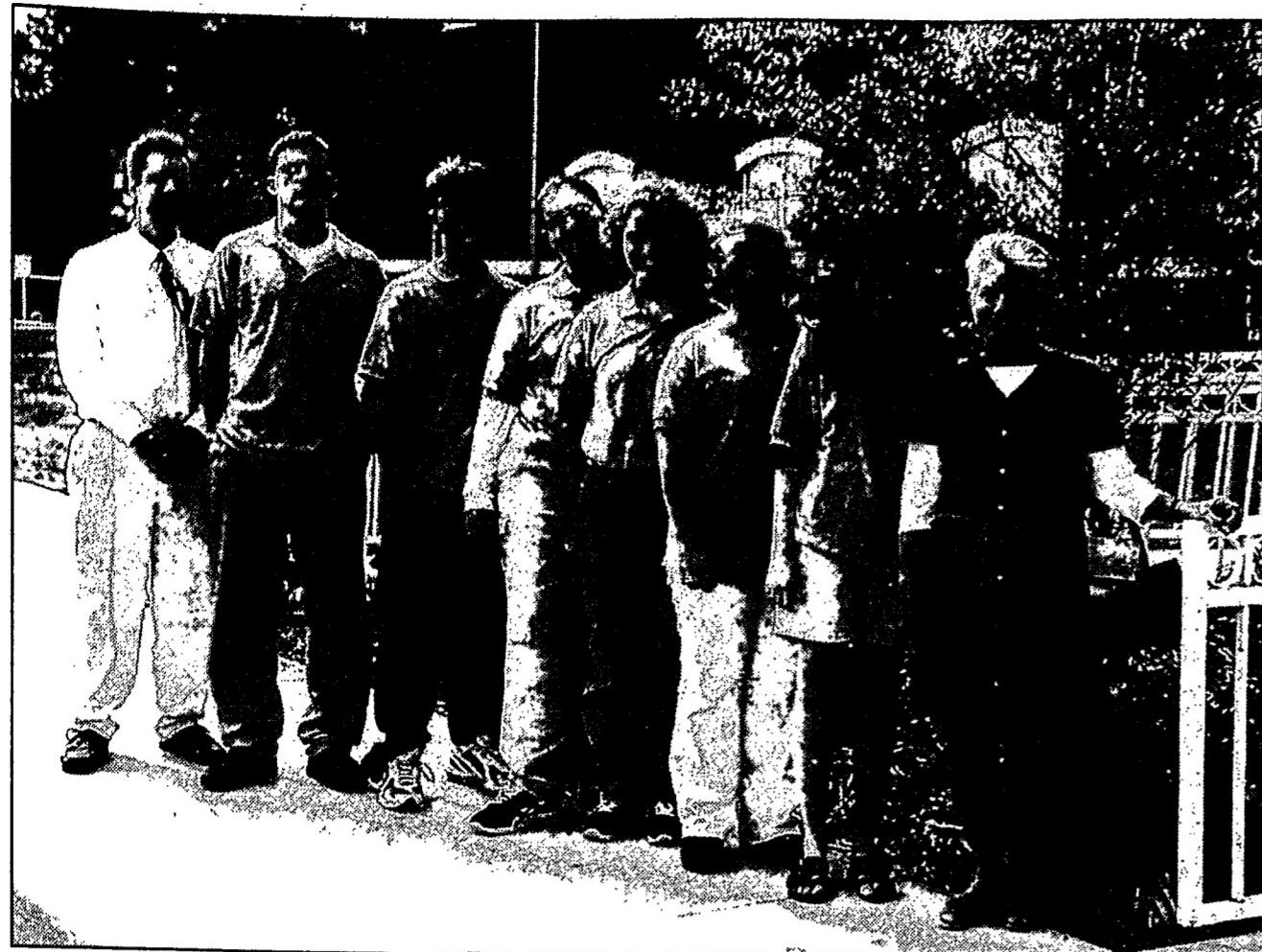
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Pass High Quiz Bowl team, from left, Alan Kurtzberg (sponsor), Orrin Cummins, Jacob Davis, Ariel Cummins, Megan Newman, Autumn Huk, Tabitha Epperson and Susan Carron (sponsor). Not pictured are Nick Beale, Josh Cotton and Ryan Williams.

Pass High repeats as Coast Scholars Bowl Champion

The Pass High Quiz Bowl team won its second consecutive Gulf Coast Scholars Bowl May 10 in Biloxi, defeating all three opponents in a round-robin format. Pass High defeated teams from Pascagoula, St. Stanislaus and Ocean Springs to become the 2001 champions.

"This year's championship was difficult for the team, because the quality of the other schools' teams improved," said Alan Kurtzberg, Pass High's Quiz Bowl coach. "Our experience from last year helped us come through in the playoffs."

According to Kurtzberg, the highlight of the tournament was in the first round as Pass High trailed Pascagoula by more than 100 points.

At that point senior Orrin Cummins correctly responded to seven toss-up questions that accounted for seventy points and additional bonus points that gave Pass High the lead. Pass High went on to defeat Pascagoula with a score of 285-250.

Cowans

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place to get wood is the river.

"The river gives up a lot of things," said Cowans, showing off a large pile of recent treasures he and his brother had recovered, all washed clean and smooth from the motion of the water. By the time he picks up the piece, he can identify the tree it comes from most of the time, he said.

Cowans uses some of the pieces as he finds them, "nature's sculptures," and works around the piece to find its special purpose. Other pieces he reworks and puts into his tables, hutches, shelves, benches, and various other pieces. One of the most popular of his many styles, he said, is the willow furniture which he delivers by the truckload to a buyer in Atlanta.

Most of the furniture in the Cowans household is family built, as is the house itself. "Lydia (Cowans' wife of 39 years) and I built the house ourselves with a little help from my brothers on the weekend ... we've been in it about six years now."

V.A.

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service and compensation for a disability incurred as a result of such service. Now it is time for Congress to take the next and final step and eliminate the current offset completely.

"If retirement benefits for America's service men and women continue to erode, they will lose faith in their chosen careers," Bilirakis emphasized.

"If our government cannot guarantee retired pay, our mili-

tary will not be able to attract and retain qualified personnel in the future. Congress should seize the opportunity to act this year and eliminate the unfair offset between military retired pay and VA disability compensation."

Bilirakis is the vice-chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee and a member of the Oversight Subcommittee.

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else. Maybe it's the salt keeping everything back in the rivers and bayous."

I leaned back in the lounge. It had started. They had begun the talk, the fisherman talk.

Stella started asking him what he uses to fish with, shrimp or lures and then what kind of lures (she has an artificial lure called "Top Dog" and when she goes out wade fishing she sometimes says she's going out to "walk the dog") I've been the third wheel on too many of these conversations to think it would be anything different. I sat politely, fighting to keep a glazed look from coming across my face. I even managed to ask an intelligent question or two to keep up an appearance of at least some attention.

It really didn't matter, Stella was in her element talking animatedly about something that was really important to someone who felt the same way.

Whatever I said would have been fine. I sat and just let the two of them talk.

I began to drift away, watching the water and only half listening to their conversation. The wind had picked up slightly and a few white caps had started to appear on the water. I saw a pelican and then, further away, another pelican fishing very low over the water. There were no others. Maybe the fishing was as bad as the two of them were saying. Away to our west, a clump of shrimp boats were working an area of the Sound that evidently had some shrimp.

After a bit, I noticed a change in the tempo of their conversation and quickly tuned back to listening to what they were saying. Our friend was easing himself up from his chair.

"Well, I've had it," he said standing. "I'm going to head on

back up country this afternoon. Be back toward the end of the month and give it another go."

We talked for a few more minutes and then he headed to his pick up, his boots making squashing noises as he walked.

"Well, that was nice," said Stella watching him drive off. I was about to say something to the effect that, considering his luck, it had been a good thing she hadn't gone out, when I caught myself and said, "Yes, it was."

We sat there and relaxed for a while longer. I thought about lunch, idly tossing several ideas about what would be nice to have. When I turned to say something on this to Stella, I saw that she was far away, still fishing with our friend.

I settled back, it would be a little longer before lunch.

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We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our water source is from four wells. Three wells are pumping from the Graham Ferry Formation Aquifer and one is pumping from the Pascagoula Aquifer.

Our source water assessment is currently being conducted and is not available at this time. As soon as it is completed, you will be notified and copies of this assessment will be available at our office. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Ronald J. Vanney or William B. Zimmerman at 228-467-2724. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the City Hall Annex, 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS.

The City of Bay St. Louis routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1, to December 31, 2000. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected however they are not above the level considered unsafe.

TEST RESULTS

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS								
4. Beta/photon emitters	N	8/12/98	2		Pci/l	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS								
10. Barium	N	4/5/00	0.014		Ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	1/1/98	0.108		Ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
17. Lead	N	1/1/98	1		Ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
VOLATILE ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS								
Chloroform*	N	2000	0.0015	No Range	Ppb	N/A	N/A	By-Product of Drinking Water Chlorination

*Unregulated Contaminants for which EPA requires monitoring

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APPROX. 1671 SQ.FT. HOME, 3bdrm/2ba, lot 70x130. House need some work, good area \$79,000. 514 Commagore Blvd. 467-2541 call for appointment.

CHALET STYLE COTTAGE ON BEACH in Waveland. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, multiple decks on beach side, security system, jacuzzi tub, ceramic tile floors, open floor plan, 1280sq ft. Beautiful views of the beach and Waveland pier. Guest room has private entrance, 2nd bedroom on 3rd floor has balcony overlooking bay. Quiet neighborhood with great neighbors. \$169,900. Show by appointment only. Call 228-466-2538. For sale by Claire.

CHARMING COTTAGE: Walk to beach or sit on bright front porch. 2bdrrms, 2baths, hardwood floors, fireplace, central heat/air. Beautiful landscaped, deck and patio. Perfect condition. Price to sell \$99,500. 1203 Dunbar. By apt. 463-9335.

FOR SALE: 3 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 BATH, ON WATER bulkhead & pier, fenced yard. \$89,995. Available June 1st. Local 466-4618, residence 601-268-3234.

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing cost. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR HOME: Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-6004.

LEASE/PURCHASE 8366 Leake St Waveland, large house, 3BR/3BA, \$86000, with \$3000 down. 504-392-4126.

NEW BRICK HOME IN KILN, MS 3br/2ba on 2acres with nice oak trees, \$100,000/obo. VA and FHA accepted. 601-749-0014.

OWNER FINANCE OLDER COTTAGE second block of beach in BSL. High ceilings, wood floors. Needs work. 254 Sycamore St. \$38,000-\$5000 down 508-994-3327.

OWNER FINANCING W/10% DOWN. Pass Christian cottage, 240 Woodman Ave., 100x14', 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large family room. Newly renovated inside. Needs TLC outside. \$45,000. 228-3285, 228-324-8118.

REDUCED FROM \$168,000 to \$143,500; Large 5 bedroom, 2 bath brick home w/beamed cathedral ceiling, massive fireplace, hardwood & brick firs. Formal dining room, large sunroom, dbl garage, surrounded by privacy fenced gardens and close to the beach, too! Key Properties Inc., 467-0600.

REMODELED COTTAGE AT THE END of cul-de-sac on exclusive west side in Picayune, Ms. 210ft on creek, 3BR, 2BA, LR, DR, kitchen, den, double carport, skylights, balcony. New Orleans style curb yard, patio screen porch. Ceramic tile and carpet. Approx. 2,900ft. under beam. \$169,000. (601)749-4641.

WATER FRONT CAMP 3BR/2BA, air/heat, fenced. See to appraise. \$69,900. Gold Coast Realty. 467-4479 or 493-2679.

WATERFRONT HOUSE 3/br, 2/ba, very nice, more information contact (228)533-7614 or 806-3828.

WAVELAND, 2 BLOCKS FROM BEACH, old fixer-upper. Lot size 75x116'. Asking \$20,000. Call 467-0380.

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI STATE OF LOUISE E. MIZE, DECEASED, PLAINTIFF VS SARAH MIZE, TESTATRIX, DEFENDANT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 2000-070

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 2nd day of January, 2001, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Testatrix of the Estate of George E. Mize, Deceased, it is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This the 14th day of May, 2001.

SARAH MIZE, Testatrix of the Estate of GEORGE E. MIZE, Deceased. 5/17, 5/24, 5/31/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI ESTATE OF LOUISE F. TERRY, DECEASED, PLAINTIFF VS BILLY I. TERRY, ADMINISTRATOR, DEFENDANT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 2001-176

Letters Administration having been granted on the 9th day of March, 2001, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Louise F. Terry, Deceased, it is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This the 14th day of May, 2001.

BILLY I. TERRY, Administrator of the Estate of LOUISE F. TERRY, Deceased. 5/17, 5/24, 5/31/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LOUISE F. TERRY, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2001-176 SUMMONS BY PUBLIC

TO THE UNDERSIGNED HEIRS-AT-LAW AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST AS HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LOUISE F. TERRY, DECEASED.

You are hereby summoned to appear in the Court of Waveland, to answer a civil action brought in the Court by Billy I. Terry, Plaintiff. The Petition filed against you is a civil action seeking to have Billy I. Terry, Larry W. Johnson, Mary Francis Hamilton, Charles Edward Johnson, Carol Sharp, and Joyce Johnson, as defendants to appear as heirs-at-law of the deceased, and fully set out in the Petition, to be filed in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED ON THE 13TH DAY OF JUNE, 2001, IN THE COURTHOUSE OF THE CHANCERY COURT, AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE END THAT A JUDGMENT BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

WITNESS my signature and official seal this 3rd day of May, 2001.

(Seal)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK BY: LARRINELL SCARBOROUGH DEPUTY CLERK 5/10, 5/17, 5/31/2001

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES IS SOLICITING PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT TIDELANDS TRUST FUND CYCLE (YEAR 2001).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ON THE 13TH DAY OF JUNE, 2001, AT 1141 BAYVIEW AVENUE SUITE 101, BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520. IN MAKING APPLICATION, PLEASE BE REMINDED OF THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF THE PUBLIC TRUST TIDELEADS FUNDS FOR "NEW AND EXTRA PROGRAMMING, DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT, SUCH AS CONSERVATION, RECLAMATION, PRESERVATION, ACQUISITION, EDUCATION, OR THE ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC TRUST TIDELEADS OR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS." PLEASE REFER TO THE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS WHICH WILL BE REVIEWED AND PRIORITIZED ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED RANKING CRITERIA. THE FUNDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED UTILITY WITH THE COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES APPROVED 5-YEAR TIDELEADS PLAN.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE DMR AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE.

5/10, 5/17, 5/31/2001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

HELEN J. RANSOM NO. 2001-302

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of May, 2001, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Helen J. Ransom, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This 15th day of May, 2001.

James C. Ransom, Jr., Executor

David Michael Necaise Attorney at Law P.O. Box 2036 Bay St. Louis, MS 39521

5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7/2001

Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CAUSE NO. 2001-311

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the Estate of John G. Christensen, deceased, were issued by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 8th day of May, 2001, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Failure to do so will bar the claim. This the 15th day of May, 2001.

Terry Lynn Ann Christensen Administrator

John R. Santa Cruz, Esq.
Post Office Box 4101
St. Louis, Missouri 39521
Fax: (228)466-0008
5/17, 5/24, 5/31/2001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF MARIE PAUL WILLIAMS, DECEASED NO. 2001-317

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 26th day of April, 2001, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Marie Paul Williams, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registering according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This 1st day of May, 2001.

JULIA ANN WILLIAMS CARUSO
JANE WILLIAMS DUNCAN
CO-EXECUTORS OF ESTATE OF
MARIE PAUL WILLIAMS, DECEASED

FAVRE, GENIN & SCAFFIDE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
P.O. Box 220
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
5/3, 5/10, 5/17/2001

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